The TRUE MEANING & PURPOSE Of The 2ND AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT II

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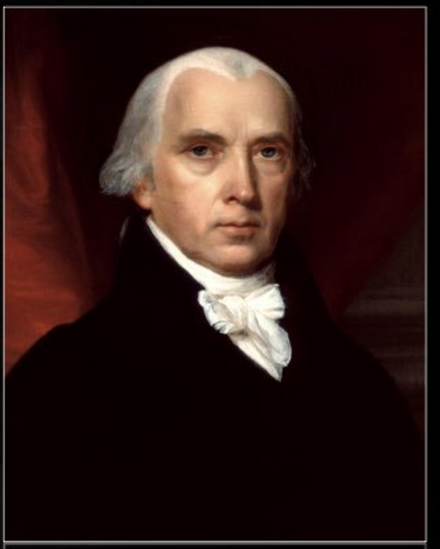
George Mason



James Madison

— Bill Of Rights, ratified December 15, 1791

FIELD STRIPPING

Breaking It All Down

A
WELL REGULATED
MILITIA

What Does "Well Regulated" Really Mean?

REGULATE: to maintain according to a set of standards so that something operates or functions properly (such as with a machine or a process).

The term "well regulated" in the 2nd Amendment had NOTHING to do with "government regulation." It LITERALLY referred to the regularization and maintenance of equipment being used and proper training for tactics being employed.

WHAT Is The Militia?

The English word “militia” is derived from the Latin term “militium vulgarum,” which literally means “like the military, everywhere,” or in other words, “capability commensurate to a military, which is present everywhere, or distributed throughout a population.”

A Militia is a de-centralized, distributed force of armed individuals who maintain weapons and tactics similar to a military force, but unlike a standing military, are not centrally controlled or directed by a government.

The Militia is NOT the military.
A Militia is NOT a standing army.

WHO Is The Militia?

When asked the question, "Who constitutes the Militia?" the authors of the 2nd Amendment and other American founders and patriots were consistently clear and unambiguous.

The Militia spoken of in the 2nd Amendment is comprised of the entire body of the People who are capable of employing arms for the purpose of repelling an organized foreign or domestic threat to their lives or freedom.

YOU Are The Militia!

"What is the Militia?
It is the whole people."

— George Mason

Co-Author of the 2nd Amendment

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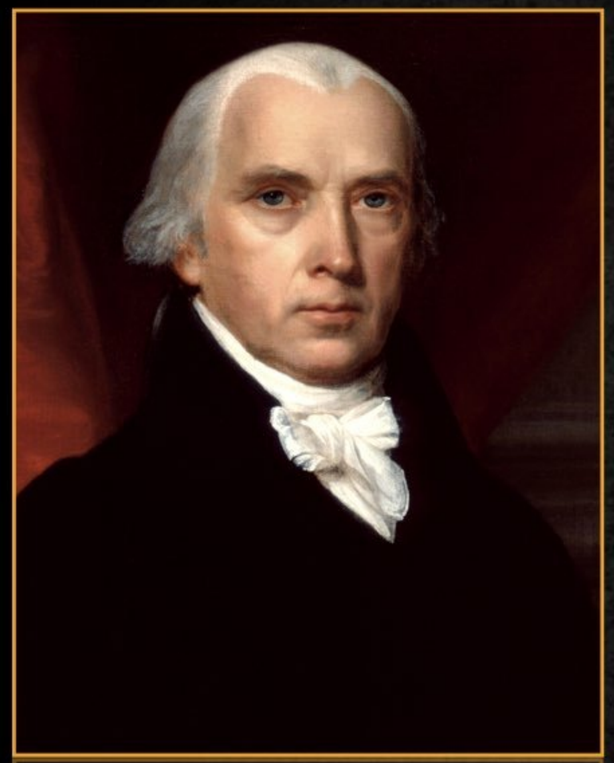

"A well regulated Militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country."

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"A militia, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves, and include all men capable of bearing arms."

— Richard Henry Lee

VA Delegate, 2nd Continental Congress

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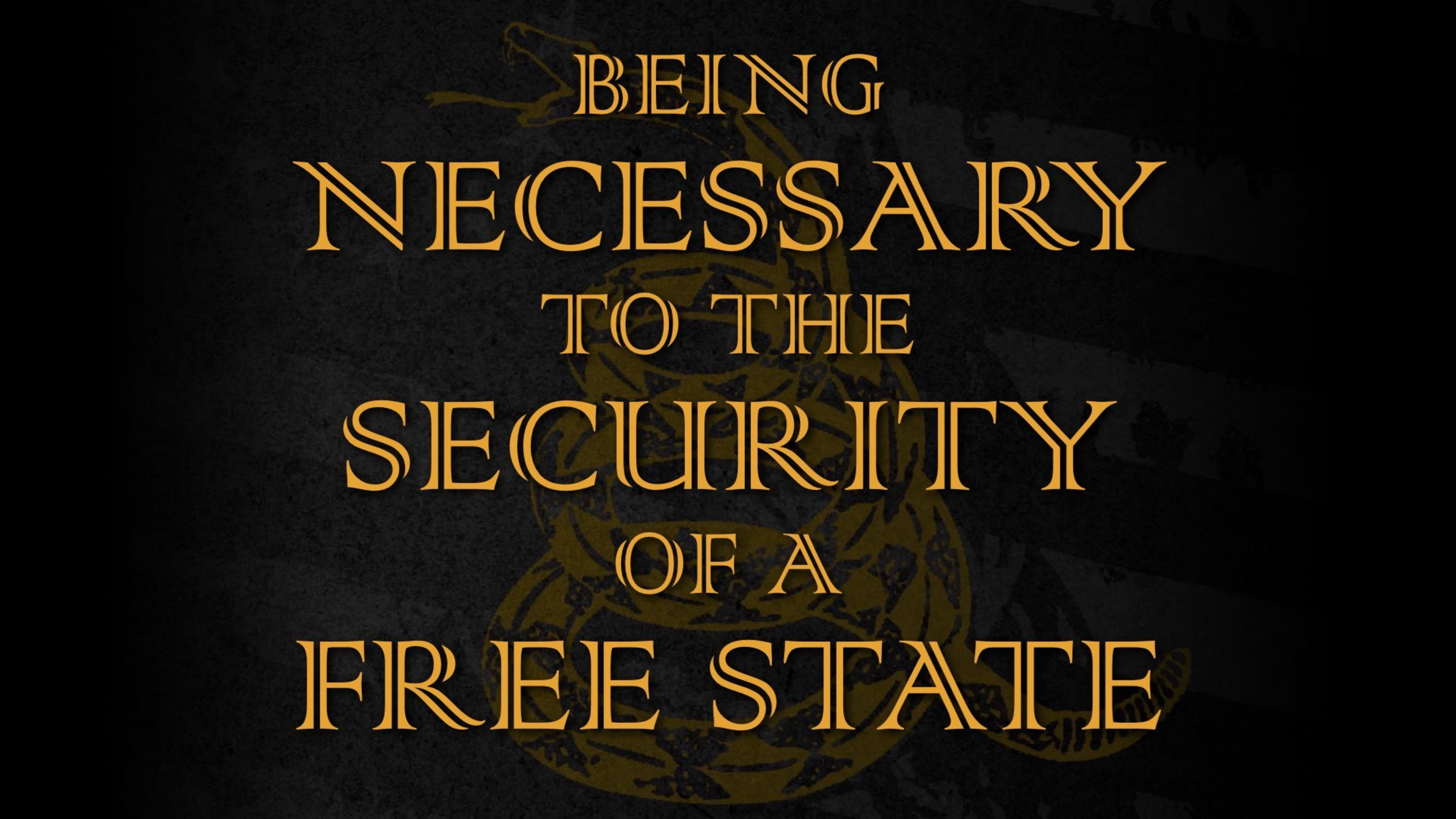
"Who are the Militia? Are they not ourselves? Congress shall have no power to disarm the Militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birthright of an American. The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the People."

— Tench Coxe

PA Delegate, Continental Congress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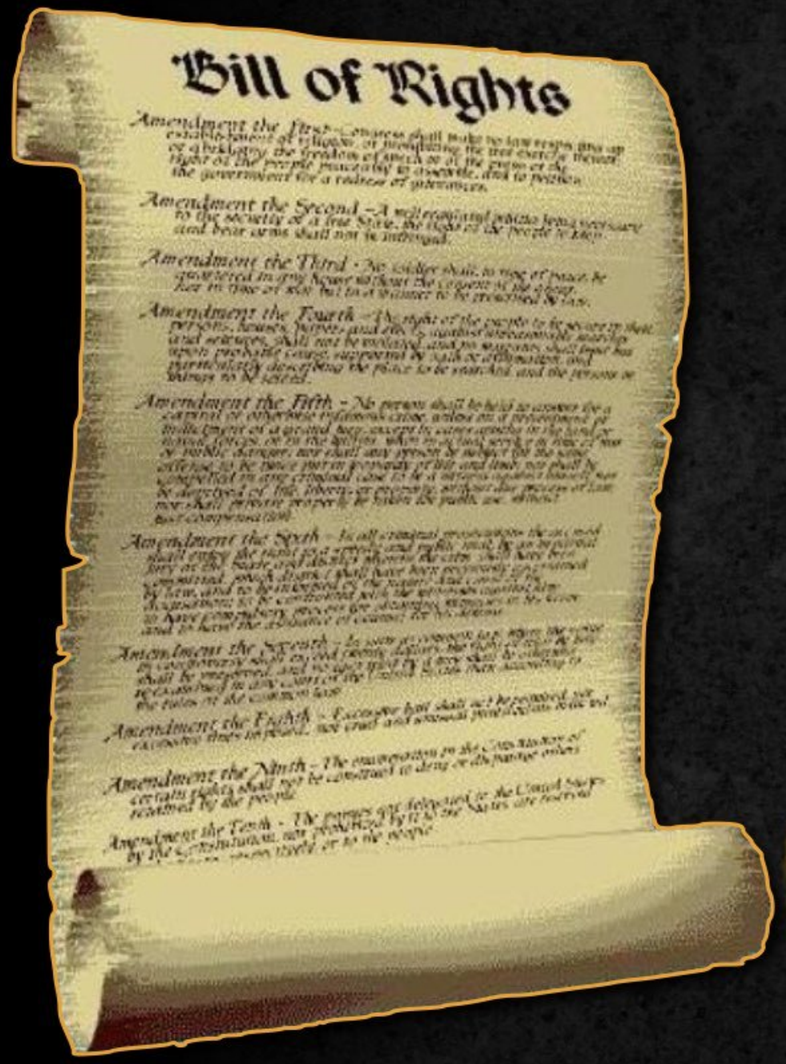
Necessarily Strong Language



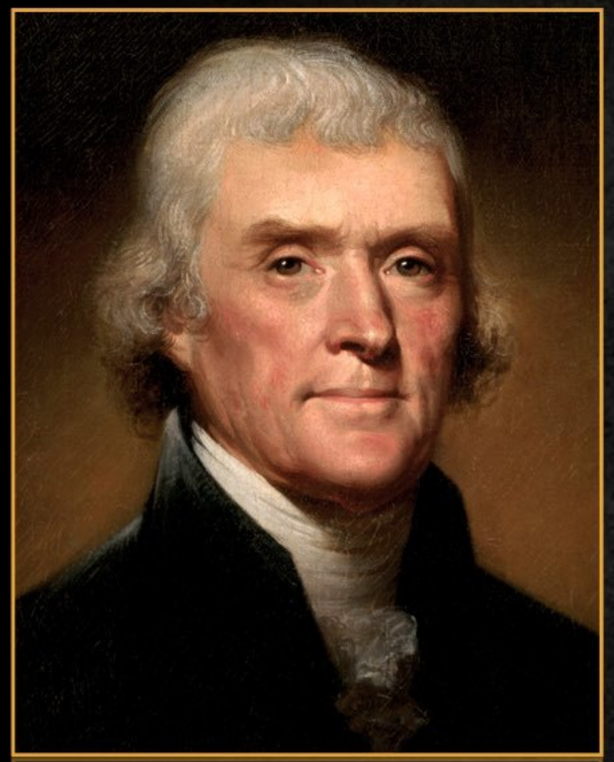
NECESSARY: required to be done, achieved, or present; needed; essential.

The word “necessary” appears in the Constitution of the United States 6 times, and in the Bill of Rights only once. The ONLY place the word “necessary” is used to refer to a thing, group or entity is in the 2nd Amendment. The only thing which the authors of the Constitution and Bill of Rights enshrined as “necessary” was the Militia. Not even the three branches of government (President, Congress, Judiciary) are referred to using the word “necessary.” The question, necessarily, becomes, to what ultimate purpose did they understand that the Militia was NECESSARY?

A Means For Security

SECURITY: the state of being free from danger or threat.

SECURE: to protect against threats.



"For a people who are free,
and who mean to remain so,
a well-organized and armed
Militia is their best security."

— Thomas Jefferson

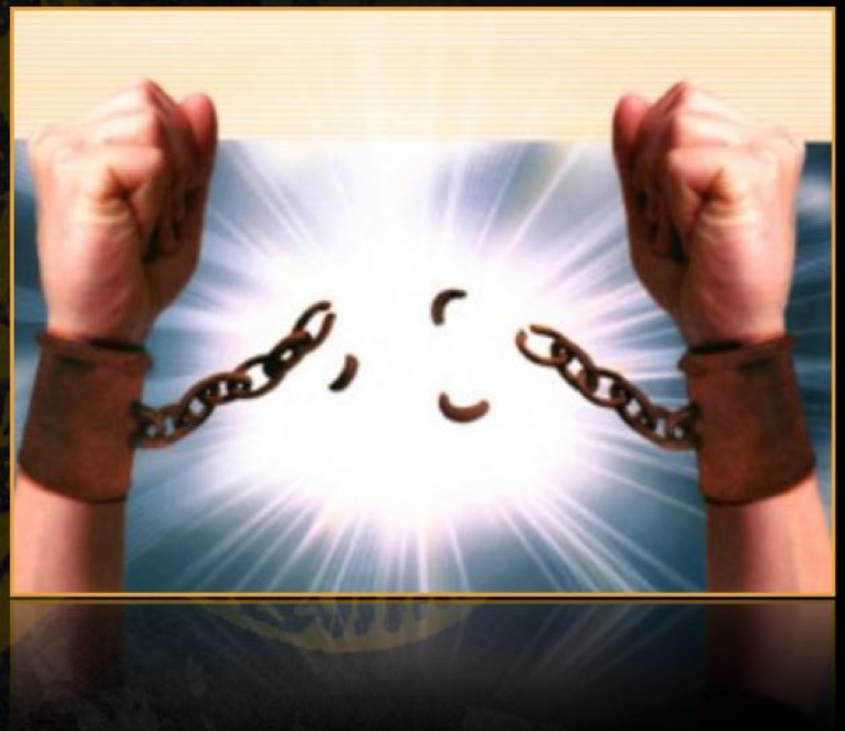
Founding Father, 3rd President of the United States

What Was Meant By "A Free State"?

FREE: not under the control or domination of another.

STATE: the particular condition that someone or something is in at a specific time.

The phrase "a free State" did not refer to a geographic region such as PA, NJ, NY, DE, etc. It referred to a free condition of existence, a free way of life.



Standing Armies: Threats To The Security Of A Free State

"Once a standing army is established in any country, the people lose their liberty. Recollect the history of most nations of the world. What havoc, desolation, and destruction, have been perpetrated by standing armies!"

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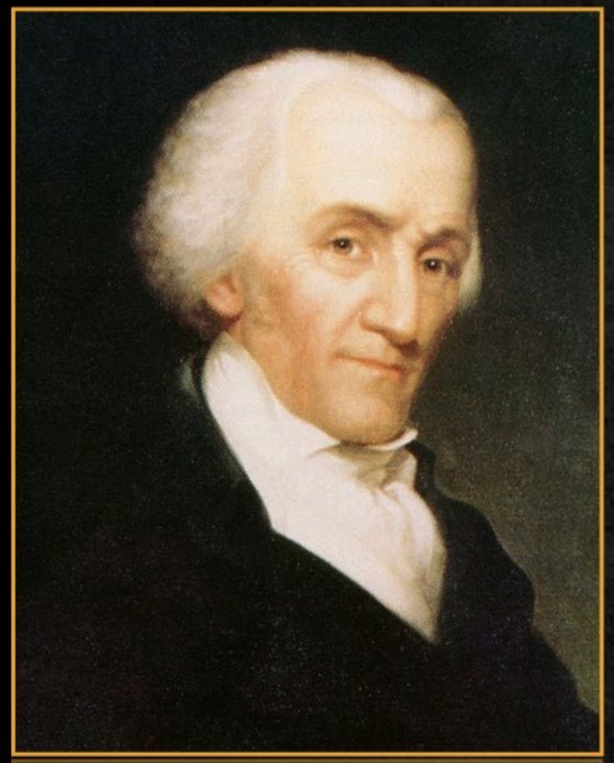
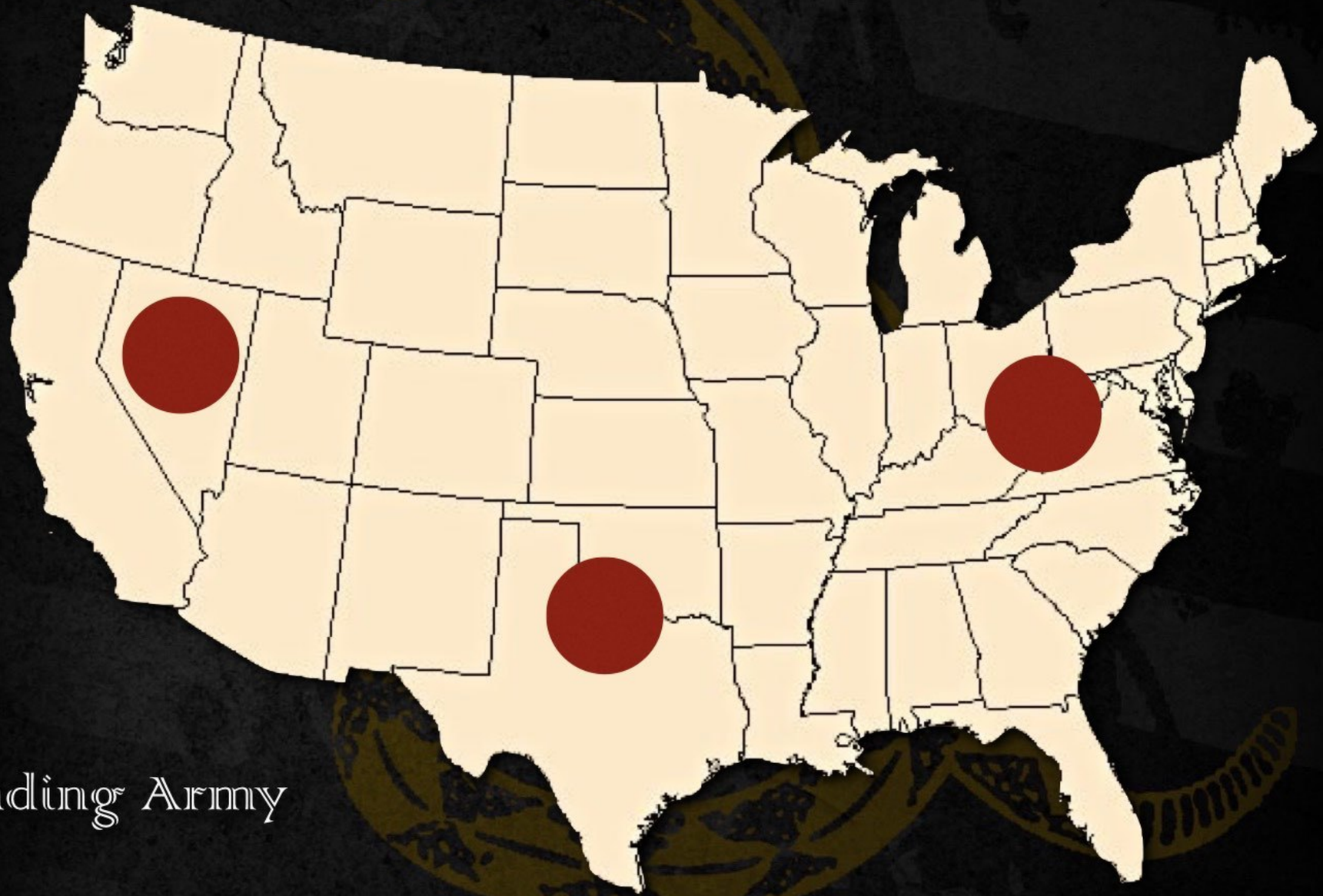


"What, is the use of a Militia? It is to prevent the establishment of a standing army, the bane of liberty. Whenever Governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the Militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins."

— Elbridge Gerry

5th Vice-President of the United States

Militia: Necessary To Security



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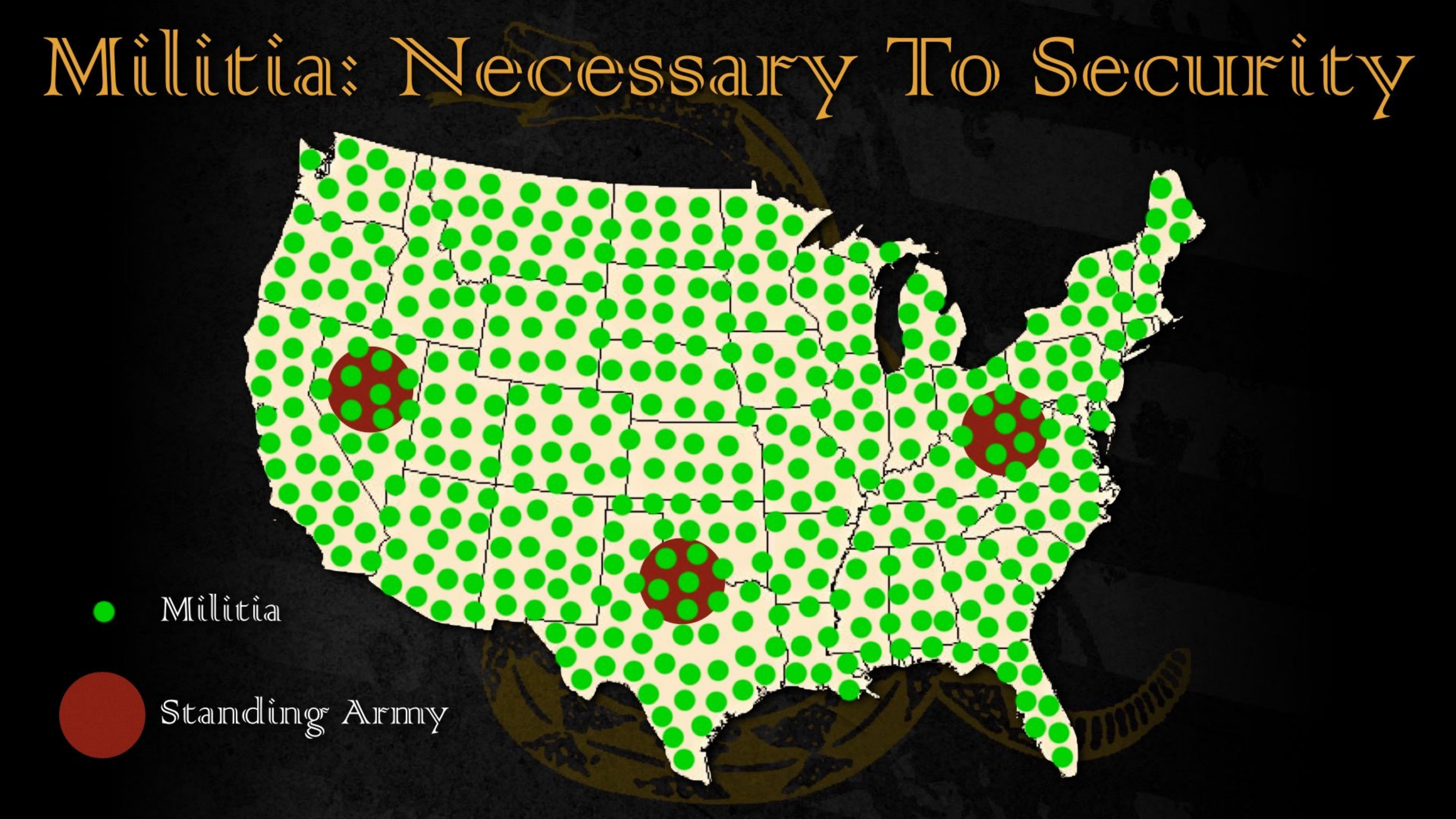

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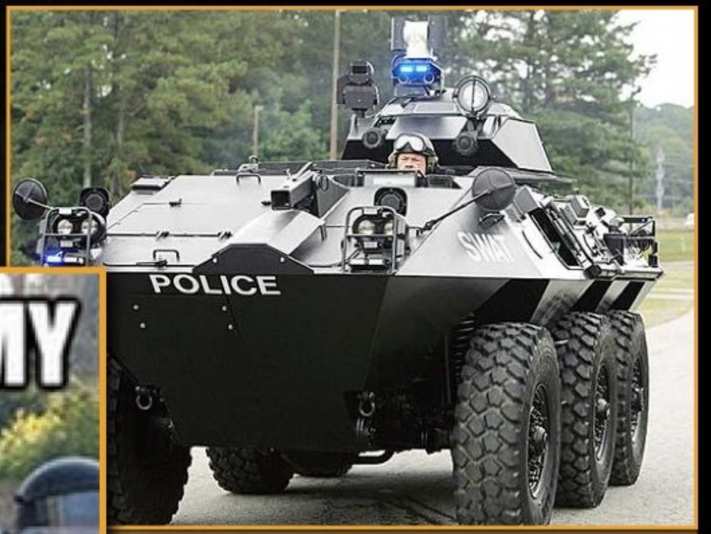
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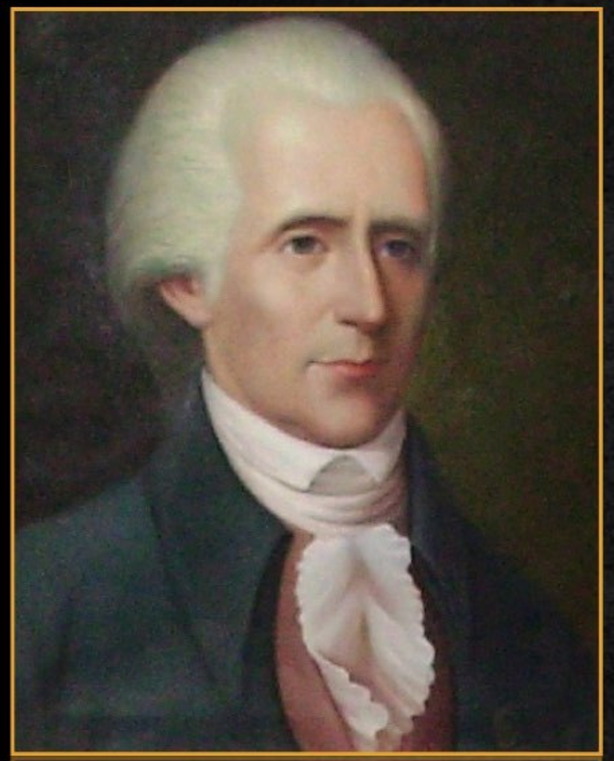
Militia: Necessary To Secure A Free Way Of Life



"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

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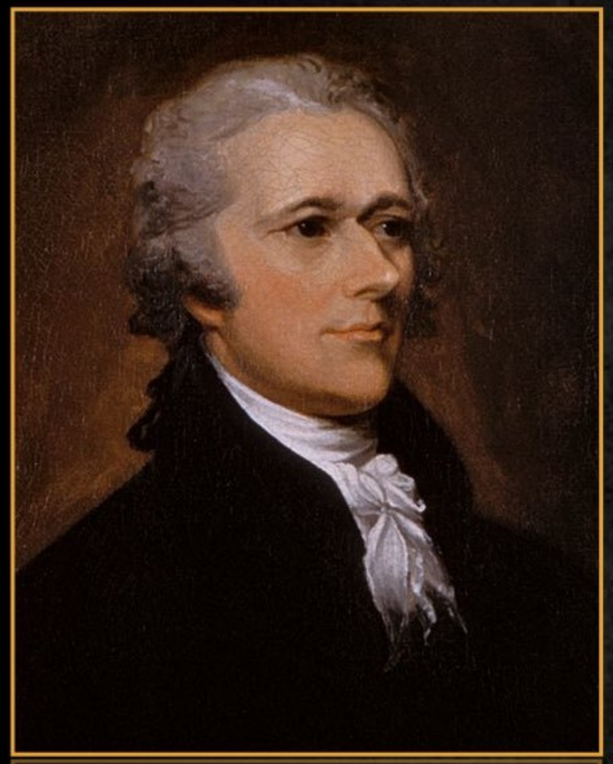


"If circumstances should at any time oblige the government to form an army of any magnitude, that army can never be formidable to the liberties of the people, while there is a large body of citizens, little if at all inferior to them in discipline and use of arms, who stand ready to defend their rights."

— Alexander Hamilton

Founding Father, 1st Secretary of Treasury

THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

What Are ARMS?

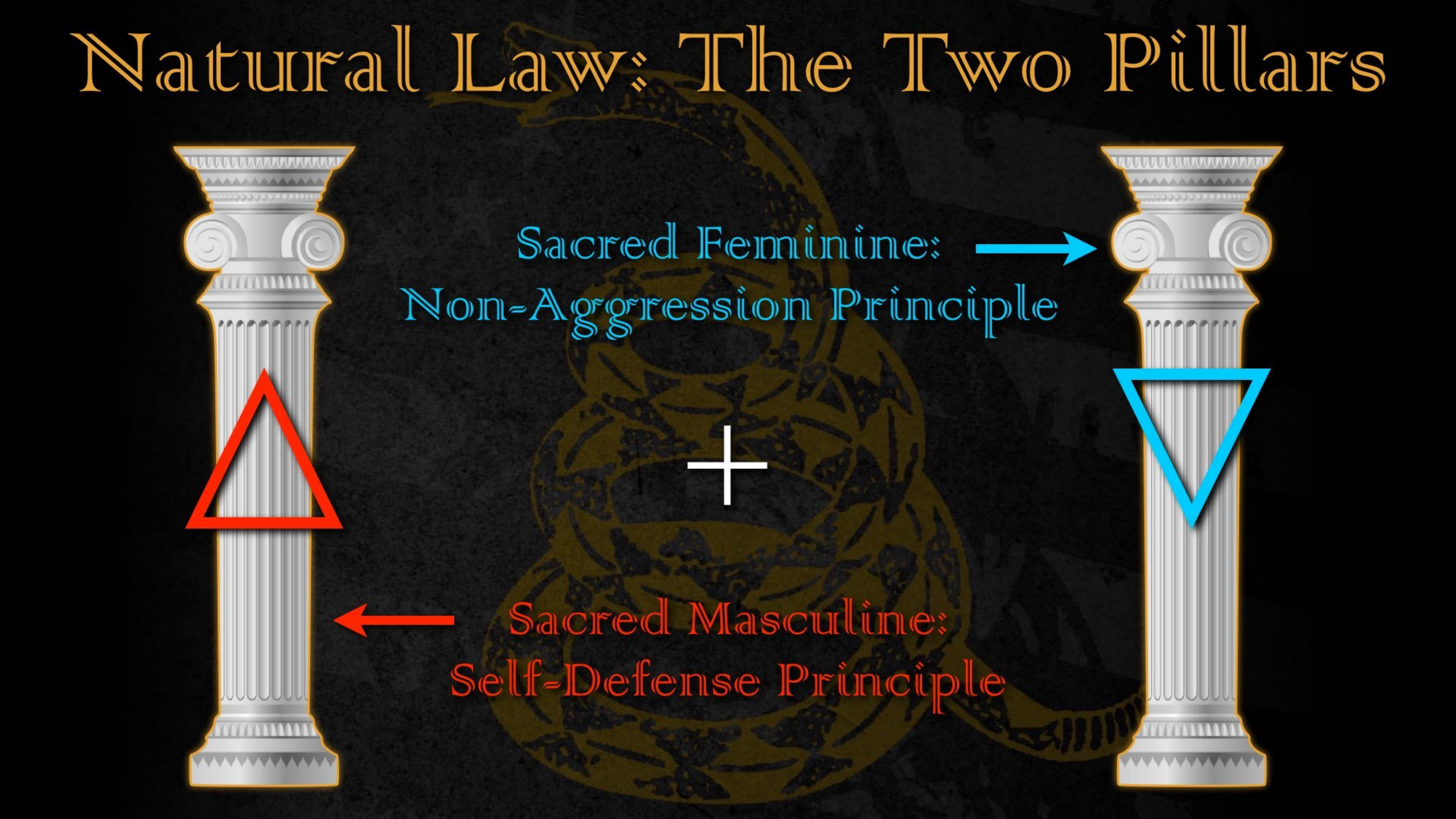
ARMS: weapons and ammunition of any kind.

Natural Law: Right vs. Wrong

RIGHT	WRONG
Correct Based in Truth	Incorrect Not based in Truth
Moral In Harmony with Natural Law	Immoral In Opposition to Natural Law
Actions based in it do not result in harm to other sentient beings	Actions based in it result in harm to other sentient beings

A Right is an action that does <u>NOT</u> cause harm
to another sentient being.

Natural Law: The Two Pillars



Natural Law: Ownership

KEEP: to have; to own; to retain possession of.

To own something means that, regarding that thing, an individual maintains:

- Rightful Possession
- Control Of Its Usage
- Responsibility For Its Usage

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"The possession of arms is the distinction between a freeman and a slave, it being the ultimate means by which freedom was to be preserved."

— James Burgh

Author of

"The Ideological Origins of the Second Amendment"

Natural Law: Equality In Rights

EVERYONE has the exact SAME Rights. No one has any more or less Rights than anyone else. Since Rights are not created by humanity because they exist objectively and inherently in Nature, no human being or group of human beings is actually capable of "granting" Rights to anyone else, nor is any human being capable of "revoking" Rights from anyone else.

Natural Law: Self Defense

BEAR: to carry.

Who can "grant" or refuse to "grant"
a Right which already exists?

SHALL NOT BE
INFRINGED

Infringe: To Limit Or Encroach

INFRINGE: to act so as to limit or undermine; to encroach upon.

ENCROACH: to advance gradually beyond usual or acceptable limits.

Incrementalism

Infringement: The Road To Slavery

"To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them."

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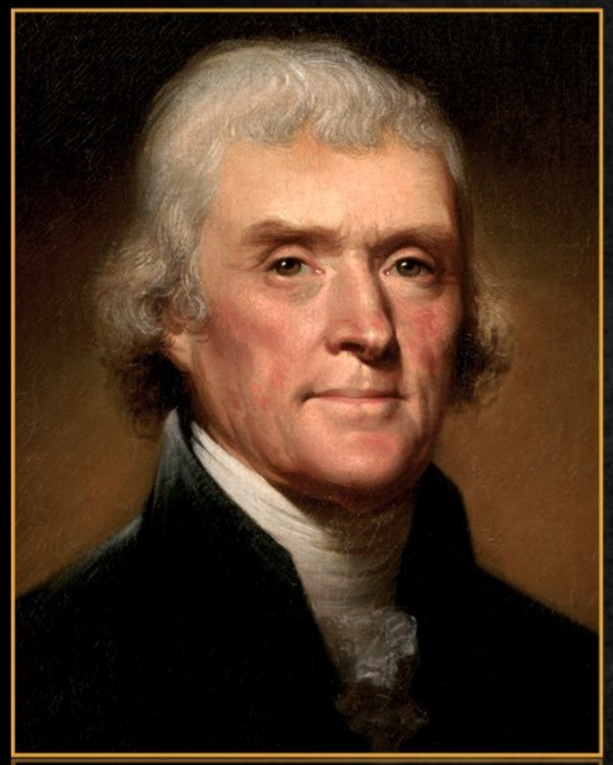

"The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

— Thomas Jefferson

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Infringement: The Road To Slavery

"The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to permit the conquered Eastern peoples to have arms. History teaches that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by doing so. So let's not have any native militia. German troops alone will bear the sole responsibility for the maintenance of law and order."

— Adolf Hitler

Supreme Chancellor, Nazi Third Reich

Gun Control: The Road To Death

Government	Dates	Targets	Civilians Killed	"Gun Control" Laws	Features of Over-all "Gun Control" scheme
Ottoman Turkey	1915-1917	Armenians (mostly Christians)	1 - 1.5 Million	Art 166, Pen Code 1866 & 1911 Proclamation, 1915	• Permits required • Government list of owners • Ban on possession
Soviet Union	1929-1945	Political Opponents; Farming communities	20 Million	Resolutions,1918 Decree, July 12, 1920 Art. 59 &182, Pen. Code, 1926	• Licensing of owners • Ban on possession • Severe penalties
Nazi Germany & Occupied Europe	1933-1945	Political Opponents; Jews; Gypsies; Critics; "examples"	20 Million	Laws on Firearms & Ammun.. 1928 Weapon Law, March 18, 1938 Reg's against Jews, 1938	• Registration & Licensing • Stricter handgun laws • Ban on possession
China, Nationalist	1927-1949	Political Opponents; Army conscripts; others	10 million	Art. 205. Crim Code, 1914 Art, 186-87, Crim Code, 1935	• Government permit system • Ban on private ownership
China, Red	1949-1952 1957-1960 1966-1976	Political Opponents; Rural popula-tions; Enemies of the State	20 - 35 Million	Act of Feb, 20, 1951 Act of Oct 22, 1957	• Prison or death to "counter-revolutionary criminals" And anyone resisting any government program • Death penalty for supplying guns to such "criminals"
Guatemala	1960-1981	Mayans & other Indians; Political enemies	100,000 - 200,000	Decree 36, Nov 25 - Act of 1932 Decree 386, 1947 Decree 283, 1964	• Register guns & owners • Licensing with high fees • Prohibit carrying guns • Bans on guns, sharp tools • Confiscation powers
Uganda	1971-1979	Christians Political enemies	300,000	Firearms Ordinance, 1955 Firearms Act, 1970	• Register all guns & owners • Licenses for transactions • Warrant less searches • Confiscation powers
Cambodia (Khmer Rouge)	1975-1979	Educated Persons; Political enemies	2 Million	Art. 322-328, Penal Code Royal Ordinance 55, 1938	• Licenses for guns, owners, ammunition & transactions • Photo ID with fingerprints • License inspected quarterly
Rwanda	1994	Tutsi People	800,000	Decree-Law No. 12, 1979	• Register guns, owners, ammunition • Owners must justify need • Concealable guns illegal • Confiscation powers

Over 90,000,000 civilians have been murdered by Governments within the last 100 years as a direct result of implemented gun control measures.

REASSEMBLY
Putting It All Back Together

A Matter Of Languge

How the 2nd Amendment was written in late 18th Century parlance:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

How the 2nd Amendment might be written in 21st Century parlance:

Since a well-regulated Militia of the People is necessary to secure Freedom, the Right of the People to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

How I Would Have Written It

Since it is true that a Militia of the People (a de-centralized, distributed force of armed individuals, comprised of the body of the people, who maintain working weaponry and tactics commensurate to a military force), is necessary for, and essential to, the preservation of a free way of life, the inherent, natural righhts of people everywhere to own and carry defensive weaponry of any kind shall never be encroached upon so as to limit or undermine those righhts.

27 Words Worth Fighting For...

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COME AND TAKE IT